

Biography of
James B. Thayer, Sr.
Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army
Emeritus



BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: President (retired), J. Thayer Company; Chairman, Director, Tuality Health Care System Hospital. Board of Directors: General Telephone Company of the Northwest. Board of Trustees: Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology; Immediate Past President, Oregon Historical Society. Board of Stewards, Washington County Historical Society. Board of Trustees, Reed College and Tuality Hospital Foundation.

EDUCATION: B.S., Economics, University of Oregon, 1947. LLD (Honorary Doctor of Law), Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea, 1988.

MILITARY SERVICE: U.S. Army Reserve, 1944-1968, retired as colonel. Infantry combat duty in France, Germany and Austria. Decorations include: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge. Member of U.S. Army Infantry Hall of Fame, Fort Benning, Georgia, 1991. Honorary Colonel, 14th Infantry Regiment Emeritus. Grand Recognition of Honor (Officers' Cross) awarded Republic of Austria, 1996. Retired Brigadier General, Oregon State Defense Force.

U.S. GOVERNMENT SERVICE: Appointed Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Oregon, January 11, 1989. Member, Area VII, Oregon Committee, National Council for Employer Support of Guard and Reserve; Member, Governor's Oregon-Korean Economic Cooperation Committee. Chairman, Governor's 1992 bicentennial commemoration of Captain Robert Gray's discovery of the Columbia River.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

MILITARY-RELATED: Past President, Oregon, Association of the United States Army.

CIVIC/PHILANTHROPIC: Life Member of Elks, Masons and Reserve Officers Association. Past President, Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce, Port of Portland Commission, and Northwest Wholesale Stationers. Past Chairman, Governor's Lower Columbia River Task Force. Former Member, Board of Directors; Knappton Corporation, Beaverton Library Board. Vice President of the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Member, Oregon Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee. Board of Directors, Boys & Girls Aide Society of Oregon.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: March 10, 1922, Portland, Oregon

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT: January 1, 1989

